

## Claims

- [c1] 1.A method of playing a draw poker game comprising:
- a) dealing a player a first five card hand from a first deck of playing cards;
  - b) dealing the player a second five card hand from a second deck of playing cards;
  - c) identifying to the player a playing card value for each of the playing cards of the first five card hand;
  - d) concealing from the player a playing card value for one or more of the playing cards of the second five card hand;
  - e) the player selecting either the first hand or the second hand;
  - f) identifying to the player a playing card value for each of the playing cards of the second five card hand not previously identified where the player selects the second hand;
  - g) the player either standing on the hand selected or discarding one or more cards from the hand selected;
  - h) dealing the player replacement cards for the discarded cards, if any;
  - i) determining a value for the player's selected hand based on conventional poker hand ranking; and
  - j) awarding the player a predetermined amount based on the value of the player's selected hand.
- [c2] 2.The method of Claim 1, and further comprising the step of modifying the award to the player where the player selects the second hand.
- [c3] 3.The method of Claim 2, wherein the player's selected hand having value under a conventional poker hand ranking is not awarded a predetermined amount where the player selects the second hand.
- [c4] 4.The method of Claim 1 in which each deck of playing cards is a standard 52 card deck.
- [c5] 5.The method of Claim 1 in which each deck of playing cards is a standard 52 card deck plus at least one extra Joker card which is treated as a wild card.
- [c6] 6.The method of Claim 1 in which each deck of playing cards is a standard 52

card deck with at least one of the cards being treated as a wild card. 7.The method of Claim 1 in which the value of the player's selected hand is determined by comparing the poker hand ranking of the player's selected hand to a payout schedule.

- [c7] 8.The method of Claim 7 in which the predetermined amount based on the value of the player's selected hand is based on a payout schedule.
- [c8] 9.The method of Claim 8, and further comprising modifying the payout schedule where the player selects the second hand.
- [c9] 10.The method of Claim 9, in which a previously winning result provided by the payout schedule is removed.
- [c10] 11.A method of playing a draw poker game on an electronic gaming machine comprising:
- a)electronically displaying to a player a first five card hand from a first deck of playing cards;
  - b)electronically displaying a second five card hand from a second deck of playing cards;
  - c)the player selecting either the first hand or the second hand;
  - d)electronically displaying to the player the second five card hand after the player has selected between the first and the second hands;
  - e)the player either standing on the hand selected or discarding one or more cards from the hand selected;
  - f)electronically determining a value for the hand selected by the player based on conventional poker hand ranking; and
  - g)awarding the player a predetermined amount based on the value of the player's selected hand.
- [c11] 12.The method of Claim 11 wherein the second five card hand is displayed to the player only where the second hand is selected.
- [c12] 13.The method of Claim 11 in which each deck of playing cards is a standard 52 card deck.

- [c13] 14.The method of Claim 13 in which each deck of playing cards is a standard 52 card deck plus at least one extra Joker card which is treated as a wild card.
- [c14] 15.The method of Claim 14 in which each deck of playing card is a standard 52 card deck with at least one of the cards being treated as a wild card.
- [c15] 16.The method of Claim 11 in which the value of the player's selected hand is determined by electronically comparing the poker hand ranking of the player's selected hand to a payout schedule.
- [c16] 17.The method of Claim 16 in which the predetermined amount based on the value of the player's selected hand is based on a payout schedule.
- [c17] 18.The method of Claim 11 in which the player is awarded by accruing credits on a credit meter displayed on the gaming machine.
- [c18] 19.A method of playing a draw poker game on an electronic gaming machine comprising:  
a)a player wagering at least one coin;  
b)electronically displaying to the player a first five card hand from a first deck of playing cards;  
c)electronically selecting without displaying to the player a second five card hand from a second deck of playing cards;  
d)the player selecting either the first hand or the second hand;  
e)electronically displaying to the player the second five card hand;  
e)the player either standing on the hand selected or discarding one or more cards from the hand selected;  
f)electronically displaying to the player replacement cards for the discarded cards, if any;  
g)electronically determining a value for the player's selected hand based on conventional poker hand ranking, and  
h)paying the player a predetermined amount of coins based on the value of the player's selected hand.
- [c19] 20.The method of Claim 19, wherein the second five card hand is not electronically displayed unless and until its selection by the player.